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Respectfully referred to:

Central Intelligence Agency

Because of the desire of this office to be responsive to all inquiries and communications, your consideration of the attached is requested. Your findings and views, in duplicate form, along with return of the enclosure, will be appreciated by

Frank Church
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Senator Frank Church
U.S. Senate
Washington D.C.

Dear Frank:

Enclosed is a (U.P.I.) story from our Statesman newspaper, of Sunday 2/19/78 pertaining to now declassified intelligence documents, concerning CIA sponsored hypnosis experiments that were carried out from 1951 to 1954, now released under the Freedom of Information Act.

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My son [Redacted] is a 5th. year student at Boise State University, majoring in Psychology, and would certainly appreciate copies of these papers in their entirety, including all information available on "Project MKULTRA", and also in inquiring into this would you please have one of your aides ask the agency as to why only women were used in these experiments.

The above information will be very helpful to my son in furthering his studies in his field of Psychology, so has asked me to write you pertaining to these papers.

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[Redacted]

Hoping this letter finds you, Bethea and children all well.

Sincerely,

[Redacted]

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P.S. Please send a bill to me at the store Box [Redacted] for any expenses incurred and I will return check. Thanks

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In CIA Mind-Control Experiment in 1951 Woman Hypnotized

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The CIA shook the theory that "nice" people cannot be made immoral under hypnosis by getting one woman to act out a cold-blooded murder in 1951, according to declassified intelligence documents. The Cold War-era mind-control experiment climaxed when the hypnotized woman, described as a peaceable sort, terrified of guns, fired a pistol point blank at a sleeping colleague — not knowing the gun had been un-

The documents also described other experiments in hypnosis — always involving female subjects for reasons not stated — in which women were persuaded to simulate immoral, abnormal or disloyal behavior. One report concluded: "This activity clearly indicates that individuals under hypnosis might be compromised and black-

Another paper summarized successful efforts to get a volunteer hypnotic subject to flirt blatantly with a strange man, and stated: "If it can be shown in a series of tests that our subjects will do things that they normally would not do in their everyday activities, it seems logical that individuals elsewhere can be also controlled thus."

The once secret documents were obtained by the weekly Washington newsletter *Science Trends* under the Freedom of Information Act, and made available to United Press International. They described CIA-sponsored hypnosis experiments carried out from 1951 to 1954, when the agency was starting up its ultra-secret "Proj-

ect. MKULTRA" research into mind and behavior control using willing and unwitting humans. MKULTRA ran on into the 1960s and was spawned initially by Korean War-era fears that the Soviets and Chinese had a big lead in "brain-washing" techniques that might enable them to induce confessions from any captured enemy and turn Western spies into helpless, obedient dous-

The hypnosis experiments were part of an MKULTRA subdivision known as "Operation Bluebird." Names of subjects were blanked out in the released documents, but all were described as young, well-educated, highly motivated women who worked for the CIA and apparently were used for the experiments. The documents said the experiments never went so far as to make the women actually commit im-
die-agents.

Explainimg that restriction, one report stated: "The individuals with whom we are working are very high-type."

The tests were described as "simply amusing situations, very carefully controlled . . . rather than of a scandalous or immoral nature."

The simulated murder was described in a report dated Feb. 10, 1954, concerning a male hypnotist and a woman "who had expressed a fear of firearms in any fashion." It said she was put in a trance and told to awaken another woman who

It said the woman "carried out suggestions to the letter, etc., etc., suggesting to the police, etc., etc., that she had been put into a deep sleep. When she could not awaken her colleague, the report said, she was ordered to "pick up a pistol nearby and fire it at Miss (blank)" and assured that "her rage would be so great that she would not hesitate to kill."

"When awakened, neither the 'murderer' nor her 'victim' had any recollection of what had happened," the document said. It added: "The 'murderer' refused to pick up accent the same gun and observe a deep sleep as ordered.

lately denied that she had ever told him so. A Sept. 4, 1951 experiment told how one woman was hypnotized into believing she was at a party and forced to flirt with a strange man. She did so, following suggestions to lure him onto the "dance floor" and to sit on his lap.

In another case, two male CIA operatives hypnotized three female employees inside a security-gated CIA building, telling them that, upon signal, they would open their ~~DOES~~ ^{DOES} "act, walk, talk and move about ~~a~~ ^{about} a perfectly normal manner."

There, all three women followed orders to "proceed into the bedroom and ... go into a deep sleep station one of the beds."